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SUBJ: WEEKLY REPORT

1. KUWAIT MEDIA HAS GIVEN MAJOR COVERAGE TO SECRETARY'S VISIT TO MIDEAST BUT BIGGEST NEWS ITEMS HAVE BEEN AMIR'S TRIP TO ALGIERS AND CROWN PRINCE'S TO SAUDI ARABIA. HEADLINES AND STORIES FACTUAL. SOME EDITORIAL COMMENT IN PAPERS, BUT LESS THAN PREVIOUS WEEK DUE EMPHASIS ON AMIR'S AND CP'S TRAVELS. IN MARCH 11 EDITORIAL, AL QABAS CALLED FOR "BALANCE" BETWEEN EGYPT ACTING FOR ITS OWN INTERESTS AND ITS OBLIGATIONS TO ARAB WORLD. FEARS THAT EGYPT WILL ACT ALONE ECHOED IN OTHER COMMENT AND EXPRESSED PRIVATELY. SOME KUWAITIS HAVE MENTIONED TO US THEIR SATISFACTION OVER POSSIBILITY SECRETARY COMING TO KUWAIT.

2. VOLSPKR DR. RAGA'I MALLAKH SPOKE IN ARABIC AT KUWAIT GRADUATES' SOCIETY ON "ENERGY RELATIONS BETWEEN U.S. AND MIDEAST" MARCH 8. SHORT FORMAL TALK FOLLOWED BY 90 MINUTES OF DISCUSSION, AND RAGA'L AGREED DELAY DEPARTURE NEXT DAY IN ORDER HAVE FOLLOW UP CONVERSATION WITH SOME ATTENDEES. LENGTHY ARTICLES IN THREE KUWAIT DAILIES. AMONG MANY POINTS HE MADE WERE: (1) AMERICAN PEOPLE CAN BE REACHED BY ARABS, BUT PRESENT PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES IN U.S. INEFFECTIVE. (2) BUSINESS RELATIONS BETWEEN ARAB WORLD AND U.S. GROWING AND WILL CONTINUE TO GROW. (3) U.S. IS GOOD PLACE TO INVEST, AND PRESENT RESERVATIONS BY AMERICANS MUST BE EXPECTED FROM ANY COUNTRY INTO WHICH LARGE AMOUNTS FOREIGN

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